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Catch Me If You Can

A handwriting has to play a central role as evidence in a crime or forgery. When a handwritten note is found from the place of incidence, then the handwriting experts check the note and match it with the writings of suspects. There are different ways to conduct an analysis in the field of forensic sciences. The crime scenes inquiry includes various ways, and handwriting analysis is one of them. In case, the document is available the document examiner observes the handwriting and the signs by comparing to rule out the authorship. It is a tiresome and systematic process that needs a vast knowledge of the way people write, the appearances of letter formation are distinctive and the functional processes behind the writing. The expert of handwriting analysis can quickly identify the fine-motor skills of a person and its effect on the handwriting of a person. They can also find out the clues in the handwriting about the writer's identity. Moreover, it is believed in the handwriting analysis that every person has a unique handwriting. In early ages, everyone learns the style characteristics at school. While learning, every kid writes the same way, but with the passage of the time, the writing style is modified by the person. People develop individual characteristics that distinguish the handwriting of one person from another with the time.

The first thing in handwriting analysis demands a proficient comparison of style characteristics and individual characteristics. They examine the documents of one known author with the document of the unknown author. However, for the sake of accuracy the analysts do not look for the similarities; instead, they check for the differences. Moreover, they look into the matter that whether a person can write both pieces of the paper or not. They also look for stimulation. Stimulation is an attempt to disguise one’s own writing or to copy someone else’s writing.

In the movie “catch me if you can” Frank W. Abagnale was able to live with forgery for so many years because of his multiple identities. At a very young age, Frank managed to conduct many illegal activities like tax elusion, cheque, and identity scam. He was able to forge his personal checks. When he learned that some banks do not deposit checks issued by other banks, he faked out to be a pilot. He realized that pilots were having a glamorous life and they were treated specially at that time. He changed the routing number on the checks and used to deposit at different branches across the country. It would take time for the checks to reach the central bank and processed back to local banks. Frank was able to deceive the people with multiple identities. At the same time, it was easier for him to conduct forgery because of the manual processes at that time. There were no scanners to scan cheques or identity cards; that's why it was easier for people to conduct a crime.

It depends on the type of crime he would commit. Many things have been changed since that time. For him, it would be easier to steal because he will have to deceive the digital cheque reader, not a specialized teller. People nowadays mostly rely on machines for their practices. However, the identity frauds are impossible with certifications today that Frank did. Now, there are digital systems, and it would be difficult with false certifications. However, still, it is not impossible to conduct a forgery. Many people still manage to do it.

On the other side, the rules and regulations for forgery are stricter today. Various ways are developed to detect a fraud. It can minimize the chances of attempts. Frank had easily manipulated people that is still possible today. Therefore, it depends on the type of crime a person wants to commit today.